

# SILVERWINGS

“Back to the basics”

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## Weather



### Today

High: 70, Low: 45  
Showers



### Saturday

High: 71, Low: 44  
Sunny



### Sunday

High: 74, Low: 46  
Sunny



### Monday

High: 75, Low: 48  
Mostly Sunny

## News Briefs

### Women's Health Fair

The Women's Health Fair will be held tomorrow from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. at the Koritz Clinic. Well-woman exams and mammograms will be available by appointment. For an appointment, call 434-CARE. Otherwise, feel free to stop in for free stuff, shopping and fun.

### 09-02 Assignment Night

Specialized Undergraduate Pilot Training class 09-02 will be holding an assignment night Oct. 30 at 5 p.m. at the Columbus Club.

### Enlisted Promotions

There will be an enlisted promotions ceremony Oct. 31 at 3:30 p.m. at the Columbus Club. All are encouraged to attend and support our advancing Airmen.

## Inside



### Feature 10

SUPT class 09-01 graduates today at 10 a.m. at the Kaye Auditorium.



U.S. Air Force photo

Lieutenant Col. David Gossett, 14th Operational Support Squadron commander, battles 2nd Lt. Calvin Glass, 14th OSS, in the jousting arena Saturday night at the 14th OSS dining-in. The dining-in brought together the several different units of the 14th OSS to implement squadron unity.

## “Scream’n Eagles” host second combat dining-in

Maj. Angela Lechowick

14th Operational Support Squadron

The 14th Operations Support Squadron hosted the second annual “Scream’n Night of Glory” combat dining-in, Oct. 18. Attendees entered Hangar 3 via a mock processing line to mirror deployment operations. The uniform of the day was painted faces, protection gear and battle uniforms. This prepared them for multiple trips through an obstacle course to the grog and for sustaining multiple air raid attacks of water balloons.

“I felt that we needed an event that was just for the 14th OSS,” said Lt. Col. “Goose” Gossett, commander of the 14th OSS Scream’n Eagles. “We are the most diverse squadron in the 14th Flying Training Wing... geographi-

cally separated throughout ten different locations around the wing, so I wanted to bring everyone together to enforce squadron unity and celebrate our Scream’n Eagle accomplishments. In addition, I wanted all Scream’n Eagles to appreciate just how diverse the 14th OSS is while having some fun and getting to know other squadron members they rarely have a chance to interact with.”

Formal dinners are a staple of military tradition. The Roman Legions, Viking Warlords and King Arthur’s Knights are all known for throwing formal dinner parties to celebrate their military accomplishments. The modern Air Force Dining In tradition began in the 1930s with General H. “Hap” Arnold’s “Wing-Dings,” huge parties to

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## COLUMBUS AFB TRAINING TIMELINE

PHASE II				PHASE III				IFF				WING SORTIE BOARD			
Squadron	Senior Class	Squadron Overall	Track Select	Squadron	Senior Class	Squadron Overall	Graduation	Squadron	Senior Class	Squadron Overall	Graduation	Aircraft	Required	Flown	Annual
37th (09-10)	8.86 day	7.67 days	Nov. 12	48th (09-01)	0.00 days	0.00days	Oct. 24	49th (09-BB)	-2.06 days	-0.80 days	Nov. 17	T-6	2,068	2,095	2,095
41st (09-11)	2.52 days	0.31 days	Dec. 11	50th (09-01)	0.00 days	7.11 days	Oct. 24					T-1	757	720	720
												T-38	633	663	663
												IFF	183	233	233

Graduation speaker: The graduation speaker is Maj. Gen. David J. Eichhorn, Commander, Air Force Flight Test Center, Edwards Air Force Base, Calif.



# Track Select

2nd Lt. Jared Drake (ANG)	T-1
2nd Lt. Christopher Dunlap	T-1
2nd Lt. Richard Elmore	T-1
2nd Lt. Jeffery Furnary	T-44
2nd Lt. Miguel Gaspar	T-38
2nd Lt. Eduardo Guerreiro-Fialho	T-38
2nd Lt. Cuyler Halpin	T-38
2nd Lt. Michael Hart (AFRC)	T-1
2nd Lt. Allen Jennings	T-1
2nd Lt. Adam Johnson	T-1
2nd Lt. Kenneth Jubb	T-44
2nd Lt. Mark Kuhn	T-1
2nd Lt. Joao Maia	T-38
2nd Lt. Jon Mendoza	T-1
2nd Lt. Robert Pendergest	T-1
2nd Lt. Christopher Roberts	T-1
2nd Lt. Brian Robichaux	T-44
2nd Lt. Jose Rocha	T-38
2nd Lt. Gary Sain	T-44
2nd Lt. Tyler Schultz	T-38
2nd Lt. Eric Smith	T-1
2nd Lt. John Thornton	UH-1
2nd Lt. Taylor Todd	T-1
2nd Lt. Brandon Viani	T-1
2nd Lt. Mark Yurgil	T-1



## Dubisher Award

2nd Lt. Christopher Roberts

## Top Guns

Contact: 2nd Lt. Christopher Roberts

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# 09-09

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**Don't Drink  
and Drive**

## 14TH FLYING TRAINING WING DEPLOYED

As of press time, 30 BLAZE TEAM members are deployed worldwide. Remember to support the Airmen and their families while they are away.



## Dorm Dinner



U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Jamie Somers

Enlisted dormitory residents browse through the buffet line at the Dorm Dinner held Oct. 16 at the Chapel Annex. This month's dinner was sponsored by the Chapel and hosted by senior leadership of the base. During the dinner, the new enlisted Dormitory Manager, Tech. Sgt. Charles Thompson, was introduced to the dormitory residents. The next dinner, "Dormsgiving", is scheduled for Nov. 20.

# The Airman's Creed ... one verse at a time

**Chief Master Sgt. Barbara Steffen**  
14th Medical Group Superintendent

## Wingman, leader, warrior

The Wingman concept reflects the ultimate confidence in our fellow Airmen: we trust each other, quite literally, with our lives. It may have begun at the tactical level, with pilots checking each others' six for mutual support, but it has come to transcend flying. Now it extends from taking care of our fellow Airmen during every day routine operations, both on and off duty, to saving lives in combat and beyond.

Today's Air Force requires everyone to be a leader. As a leader, each Airman must contribute and be responsible and accountable for his or her individual performance and the performance of the team.

Also, we must never forget our Air Force is a vital partner in the profession of arms. We are Airmen warriors dedicated to fly, fight and win, in air, space and cyberspace.

## I will never leave an Airman behind

This is the solemn promise America gives to its military forces. As Airmen, we are the individuals who assume the responsibility and actions to ensure that our nation will never leave an Airman, or other service member, behind.

## I will never falter

Training inspires confidence and confidence inspires actions — actions required in garrison and in deployment. Every bit of training we receive prepares us to perform our mission without hesitation.

## And I will not fail

Failure is not part of the Air Force lexicon. From the Berlin Airlift, B-26 and B-29 bombing runs over North Korea during the Korean War, to the "Shock and Awe" air campaigns of Operation Iraqi Freedom, the Air Force is at the forefront of the fight and at the forefront of success. This success which occurs solely because every Airman, individually and collectively, does whatever it takes to ensure we will not fail.

# The Airman's Creed

*I am an American  
Airman.*

*I am a warrior.  
I have answered my  
nation's call.*

*I am an American  
Airman.*

*My mission is to fly, fight,  
and win.*

*I am faithful to a proud  
heritage.*

*A tradition of honor,  
And a legacy of valor.*

*I am an  
American Airman*

*Guardian of freedom  
and justice,*

*My nation's sword and  
shield,*

*Its sentry and avenger.*

*I defend my country  
with my life.*

*I am an American  
Airman.*

*Wingman, leader, war-  
rior.*

*I will never leave an  
Airman behind.*

*I will never falter,  
And I will not fail.*

## DINING - IN

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strengthen the close bonds between American pilots and their British colleagues during World War II. The Combat Dining In, which has grown in popularity in recent years, incorporates many of the same traditions as a traditional Dining In, but in a far less formal environment.

The environment was certainly not formal. Scream'n Night of Glory committee members transformed Hangar 3, a maintenance training facility often used for washing aircraft, into a combat zone. Hanger 3 was complete with tents, bunkers, camo-netting, HMMVs, an obstacle course and a gladiator-style jousting arena.

"The support received on and off base was outstanding," said Airman 1st Class Natasha Sanders, 14th OSS and S.N.O.G committee chair. "The 14th Communication Squadron, 14th Security Forces Squadron, 14th Force Support Squadron, Dyncorp, 14th Civil Engineer Squadron, Pinnacle-Hunt and a local VFW chapter all let us utilize their resources to make this a memorable event."

Colonel Jeff Dunn, 14th Flying Training Wing vice commander, opened up with an inspiring speech emphasizing the importance of timely and accurate support in the 14th FTW operations. Flight records, wing scheduling, airspace, Radar and Approach Control tower, airfield operations, weather and training show the vast and varied skills represented by 14th OSS Airmen. As many say, the 14th OSS is the heartbeat of the Operations Group. Colonel

Dunn echoed that remark by noting, "Amateurs talk about dropping bombs, experts talk about support."

For many, the highlight of the night was the opening of the "Grog," a Dining In tradition in which those who violate rules of the mess are sent to drink from a vat of mysterious liquid.

"It was a lot of fun seeing people go through the obstacle course and drink from the grog," said Staff Sgt. Marquita Magee, 14th OSS, a key member of the S.N.O.G committee, "I'm glad I didn't have to go!"

As the warriors navigated the obstacle course, their faithful squadron members pelted them with water balloon grenades, soaked them with water.

S.N.O.G grog shenanigans included trips by the distinguished guests Colonel Dunn, Colonel David Reth, 14th Operations Group commander, Lt. Col. Gossett, and Chief Master Sgt. Shreiner, RAPCON Chief Controller. Gladiator-style jousting then absorbed the remainder of the evening. This was much to the delight of the nearly 120 cheering Scream'n Eagles.

"I'm really proud of each member of the 14th OSS and those who had a hand in making the S.N.O.G a success," said Lt. Col. Gossett, "I'm also proud that the Scream'n Eagles showed how to have fun the right way... with class. We executed the designated driver plan to perfection, and our men and women, who work so hard to support the wing mission, really enjoyed themselves. It was outstanding seeing our 14th OSS guardians of freedom enjoy a well-deserved night of fun."



U.S. Air Force photo

**Chief Master Sgt. Richard Brackett, 14th Flying Training Wing Command Chief Master Sergeant, stands on guard with Chaplain (Capt) Rick Montoya. Senior leadership bore the brunt of the water balloon bombs and squirt guns throughout the night at the 14th Operational Support Squadron combat dining-in.**



# Vote America

**The time is:** Now! Don't wait until Nov. 4; that may be too late!

**The place is:** Your state of legal residence

**Questions:** Columbus AFB Unit Voting Assistance Officers are available to help you with your state's process.

If you have registered absentee, but have not yet received your absentee ballot, your UVAO can give you a federal write-in ballot which you can send in right now. Or, you can go to FVAP.gov and download your own! It's that easy so do not miss your opportunity to vote.

For local residents, you can vote anytime between now and Nov. 4 simply by going to the county courthouse and skipping the long lines!

## Voting registration deadlines

### Alabama:

Register by: Oct. 24

### Arizona:

Register by: Nov. 4

### Arkansas:

Registration is not required.

Request ballot by: Oct. 28

### Connecticut:

Register by: Nov. 3

### Illinois:

Register by: Oct. 25

### Iowa:

Register by: No fixed deadline.

Submit early but return ballot

by Nov. 10.

### Kansas:

Registration is not required.

Request ballot by: Oct. 31

### Maine:

Register by: Nov. 4

### Massachusetts:

Registration not required.

Request ballot by: Nov. 3

### Michigan:

Register by: Nov. 4

### Minnesota:

Registration is not required.

Request ballot by: Nov. 3

### Missouri:

Registration is not required.

Request ballot by: Oct. 29

### New Hampshire:

Registration is not required.

Request ballot by: Nov. 3

### New Jersey:

Register by: Oct. 31

### New Mexico:

Registration is not required.

Request ballot by: Oct. 31

### North Carolina:

Register by: Nov. 3

### Oklahoma:

Registration is not required.

Request ballot by: Oct. 29

### Oregon:

Register by: Oct. 30 (must be

postmarked 21 days prior to election)

### Pennsylvania:

Registration is not required.

Request ballot by: Nov. 3

### Utah:

Register by: Oct. 31

### Vermont:

Register by: Oct. 29

(Postmarked by the second

Monday before election day)

### Washington:

Register by: Nov. 4

### Wisconsin:

Registration is not required.

Request ballot by: Nov. 4

# Families of deployed military get YMCA membership deal

To help with the stress of deployment, families of Army National Guard soldiers and reservists of all military branches will receive free memberships at the Lowndes County YMCAs. As part of the new U. S. Department of Defense and Armed Services YMCA Outreach Initiative, the four YMCA branches will provide military families with access to youth development, family strengthening and health and well-being programs.

Len Honeycutt, Membership Director of the Frank Phillips YMCA, said "Families bear the brunt of the stress when a soldier is deployed and need both support and activities to keep them busy. The "Y" has proudly long championed the needs of military servicemembers and their families, beginning with the Civil War and continuing today with the Armed Services YMCA."

Lowndes County YMCAs offer not only state-of-

the-art fitness equipment, but many adult and children's programs, including drama, art, aerobics, pilates, yoga, swimming pool, karate, racquetball, walking track, basketball, spinning, women's ministries, child care, lifeguarding classes, swim classes, summer camp and much more.

The free memberships are available six months at a time to any family with a member who is deployed and families are encouraged to register and begin using YMCA facilities three months before and after a deployment. That way, when the soldiers leave, families do not have to start a new routine without their loved ones.

Visit the YMCA branch nearest you to register, or call 328-7696 for more information. A military ID of the deployed member and deployment papers are needed to register.

## FTAC graduation



U.S. Air Force photo by Airman Josh Harbin

The BLAZE team welcomes its newest Airmen to Columbus AFB and congratulates them on their completion of the First Term Airman Course. Pictured are: Airman 1st Class Kelley Hutto, 14th Operational Support Squadron; Airman 1st Class Maria Hall, 14th OSS; Airman 1st Class Samuel Griffith, 14th OSS; Airman 1st Class Brently Abilez, 14th OSS; Airman 1st Class Darrell Prior, 14th OSS; Airman 1st Class Wesley Tuttle, 14th Comptroller-Contracting Squadron (Provisional); Airman 1st Class Jason Nolte, 14th OSS; Airman 1st Class Erin Leon, 14th OSS; Staff Sgt. Somers, FTAC Instructor; Airman 1st Class Joseph Clark, 14th OSS; Airman 1st Class Lawrence Justice, 14th OSS; Airman Gregory Strausz, 14th Medical Operations Squadron; Airman 1st Class Matthew Reeves, 14th MDOS; Airman 1st Class Denny Sudore, 14th OSS; Airman 1st Class Chase Ribble, 14th OSS. Not pictured: Airman Shauna Robinson, 14th Security Forces Squadron.

REMEMBER TO



NOVEMBER 4

## The Golden Rule

*Do to others as you want others to do to you.*

On-base residents: please remember to be a good neighbor by keeping noise down to a minimum and cleaning up after your pets.

# HALLOWEEN SAFETY TIPS

**Staff Sgt. Melissa Spoon**  
21st Security Forces Squadron

**PETERSON AIR FORCE BASE, Colo.** — It's that time of year again - the time for good-natured scaring, dressing up and trick-or-treating. Halloween is here, and with that comes a responsibility to make sure children are as safe as possible. This takes mishap prevention - the key to which is operational risk management. Parents should make sure children are properly clothed and visible when they send them out trick-or-treating. Here are some helpful hints:

Choose light-colored fabrics for greater visibility. If costumes include a black cape or something dark colored, use reflective tape or wear a reflective belt.

Walk, don't run.

Stay in well-lit areas and in familiar neighborhoods.

Costumes that impede vision or the ability to walk can be dangerous - use well-fitting costumes with no mask. If children are wearing a mask, be sure it fits well and has large eye holes.

Be on the lookout for unsafe behavior - excitement sometimes prevents children from exercising good judgment.

Provide children with flashlights or glow sticks.

Remind them to stay away from candles or other open flames. Real jack o' lanterns with candles are appropriately spooky but are also major hazards.

Ensure props such as knives, swords and axes are made of flexible plastic or rubber.

Homeowners should make sure the areas around their homes are free of clutter so people don't trip or get seriously injured when they are trick-or-treating. A child's safety is paramount; however, adults should also think ahead and have a plan before they go out for their Halloween festivities.

Choose costumes that allow ample flexibility and movement.

If driving to and from a Halloween party, don't wear a mask or other face coverings while driving.

Ensure props, such as knives, swords and guns, are not real.

If alcohol is going to be consumed, plan ahead; drink responsibly; use the buddy system.

Don't leave animals in the yard; with trick-or-treaters coming and going throughout the neighborhoods, someone could get hurt.

Using these safety precautions can maximize participants' Halloween enjoyment.

**TRICK - OR - TREAT TIME FOR COLUMBUS AFB**

**OCT 31**

**6 PM. - 8 PM.**

**PLEASE REMEMBER TO STAY SAFE!**

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**6 PM. - 10 PM.**



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# Donley officially sworn in as Secretary of the Air Force

**Staff Sgt. J.G. Buzanowski**  
Secretary of the Air Force  
Public Affairs

**WASHINGTON** — Secretary of Defense Robert M. Gates officially swore in Michael B. Donley as the Secretary of the Air Force Oct. 17 at the Air Force Memorial.

In his speech, Secretary Donley said he's honored to serve as the senior civilian leader of the Air Force and looks forward to the challenges of the position.

"To the men and women of the Air Force, to its many stakeholders, and to all who know and love this tremendous institution, I commit to you my full energies during my term of office as the 22nd Secretary of the United States Air Force," Secretary Donley said. "It is my honor and privilege to accept this appointment as Secretary of the Air Force. I am grateful to once again be serving with the finest Air Force in the world."

In the coming days, the Air Force will face several issues, but is prepared to tackle any obstacle, he said.

"As the Air Force looks forward, the possibilities are unlimited," Secretary Donley said. "We are making great strides in strengthening our nuclear enterprise and restoring acquisition excellence, and there is

absolutely no question that America's Airmen are 'all in' for today's joint and coalition fight."

Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. Norton A. Schwartz was the presiding official for the ceremony.

"Today we celebrate Secretary Donley's virtuous character, strong leadership, and personal example of our Air Force core values," General Schwartz said. "It is a privilege to have Secretary Donley lead our Air Force as we go through these important times."

His leadership has reinforced the standards of performance, ethics and accountability necessary for us to continue our heritage of excellence, General Schwartz added.

Secretary Donley has more than 30 years of experience in the national security community, including service in the Senate, White House and the Pentagon. In his most recent position, he was responsible for Washington Headquarters Services, a 1,300-employee entity that oversees management of the Pentagon and Department of Defense services within the National Capital Region, and the Pentagon Force Protection Agency.

Secretary Donley, who was acting Secretary of the Air Force for seven months in 1993 and served as the service's top financial officer from 1989 to 1993, also served on



U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. J.G. Buzanowski

**Secretary of Defense Robert Gates (left) swears in Michael Donley as the 22nd secretary of the Air Force at a ceremony Oct. 17 at the Air Force Memorial in Arlington, Va., as his wife, Gail Donley, looks on.**

the National Security Council and was a professional staff member on the Senate Armed Services Committee in the early 1980s.

He served in the Army's 18th Airborne

Corps and 5th Special Forces Group (Airborne) from 1972 to 1975. He holds bachelor's and master's degrees in international relations from the University of Southern California.

## Receiving their wings



U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Randi Flaugh

**Iraqi airmen pass the class flag to the senior class during a graduation ceremony at Kirkuk Regional Air Base, Iraq, Oct. 13. Three Iraqi airmen received their wings during the ceremony.**

## Airmen invited to discuss future Air Force

**Capt. John Severns**  
AETC Public Affairs

**RANDOLPH AIR FORCE BASE, Texas** — Airmen interested in the future of Air Force education and training will get a chance to see and interact with demonstrations of the next generation of warfighting technology at the upcoming AETC Symposium, Jan. 15 and 16 at the Henry B. Gonzales Convention Center in San Antonio.

Members of all commands are invited to attend, according to Col. Kevin McNeight, organizer of this year's event. Last year's symposium drew more than 2,000 attendees, and attendance this year is expected to top 3,000, the colonel said.

The two-day event will be similar in format to the 2007 symposium. The heart of the symposium is a series of seminars coordinated by Air University and organized around five tracks, all pertaining to the Air Force and its current and future role in America's defense.

The five discussion tracks are Leadership, Operational Skills (with a focus on counterinsurgency and cyberspace operations), International Understanding, Education and Training Innovations, and Distance and Future Learning.

The Symposium will once again include an Air Force Association Expo with the latest technology demonstrations by the nation's leading defense contractors, and an AETC/AFA Ball emceed by Gen. (ret.) Lloyd W. "Fig"

Newton, former AETC Commander, to celebrate warriors throughout the command.

"We've developed more than 70 seminars on subjects as diverse as future training aircraft to historical terrorist activities, with lots of immediately relevant topics in between," said Col. Brett Morris, seminar director for the Symposium. "The Symposium will feature many world class presentations, including more seminars taught by and for our enlisted corps."

"Participants can decide which lectures and discussions they want to attend, essentially tailoring their experience at the Symposium to their own professional needs and interests," he said.

Maj. Gen. William T. Lord, commander of Air Force Cyberspace Command (Provisional), will be one of the keynote speakers.

"For more than 60 years, the United States Air Force has provided top cover for our great Nation and our Joint Warfighters," said Gen. Stephen R. Lorenz, AETC commander. "As we celebrate our proud heritage and boundless horizons, I hope you'll join me for this fantastic event."

"Together we'll honor the magnificent accomplishments of Airmen past, as we renew our commitment to develop America's Airmen today, for tomorrow," he continued.

For more information about the Symposium, or instructions on how to register, visit <http://www.aetcsymposium.com>



# BLAZE military family appreciation art contest

**Airman and Family  
Readiness Center**

November 2008 marks the Armed Services YMCA's 12th annual Military Family Month.

Nationally, beginning Nov. 1, the Armed Services YMCA will be holding art and essay contests for children of military (active duty, reserve, guard, retired) and civilian (Department of Defense and Coast Guard) families. Prizes range from \$100 to \$1,000 savings bonds. Entry forms for both national contests and samples of last year's winners can be found through the internet at <http://www.asymca.org>. The national art and essay contest forms can also be picked up from the Airman & Family Readiness Center beginning Nov. 1.

Locally, in honor of our BLAZE military families, the A&FRC will sponsor an art contest for BLAZE families. Entrants should be dependents of BLAZE team members. Drawings should be in color, and the artwork should be six by eight inches in size. Oversized and three-dimensional entries will not be judged. Please do not identify family mem-

bers on the drawing. Art must be completed according to the rules on the contest form and submitted in hard copy to the A&FRC no later than Nov. 14. There are three categories: grades K through 4, grades 5 through 8 and grades 9 through 12. Only one submission per family is allowed. Winners will be determined at the A&FRC Open House.

The A&FRC Open House is set for Nov. 19 from 2 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. and will include refreshments. For the art contest, if the sponsor is not available, an adult family member must be present (with ID card) to win. Prizes will be \$25 per category.

Military families are truly the heart of our military strength. Without the support and understanding of spouses, children and our wingmen, our active duty, guard and reserve members couldn't focus on their mission of defending our nation. Military Family Month is a time to remember that "family" doesn't mean just mom, dad and the kids. Family may also be defined as a group of people sharing common goals. For more information on the A&FRC's art contest, contact Jamey Coleman at 434-2631.

# The truth about Guantanamo Bay

**Capt. Kenneth Artz**  
14th Flying Training Wing  
Deputy Staff  
Judge Advocate

When I stepped off the plane into the stifling 100 degree weather in Guantanamo Bay Cuba in August 2007, I had no idea what lay ahead of me. Like most people, I had read the news reports that the GTMO detention facility was a legal and moral nightmare which detained poor, helpless dirt farmers without charges. I was not only on a mission to serve my country well in the GTMO Staff Judge Advocate Office on my deployment, but also on a mission to find the truth about the infamous Guantanamo Bay detention facility.

The five months I spent in GTMO were the most eye-opening experience of my life. Not only did I work with some of the best Americans, but I learned first-hand about the enemies who wish to destroy our country, our way of life and our freedom. I also learned there is no more transparent, safe, humane and well-run detention facility in the world.

It can be argued that there has never been more media and public scrutiny on a military mission since the inception of the United States. Everything that happens in GTMO is done under the watchful eye of counsel for detainees, the media, Congress and other non-governmental agencies.

What makes the GTMO Staff Judge Advocate's mission especially unique is the daily "lawfare" battle we mightily waged. As our heroic and brave American troops wage warfare against a relentless enemy in and around Iraq and Afghanistan, the front lines of "lawfare" rage in and around GTMO. Their attacks come in the form of misrepresentations in the media, countless Freedom of Information Act requests for classified information and an ever-increasing thirst for more and more access and more legal rights for their

unlawful enemy combatant clients.

In a highly politicized atmosphere, the parameters of GTMO's mission have been set by federal statute or US federal court decision.

The fight against terrorists that had brought death and destruction to the continental United States has led to many first-time legal interpretations. Detention of enemy combatants has become a critical element of warfare. Use of the law to ensure detention and defend against those who seek to free detained enemies is now a critical mission set. Pre-Sept. 11, enemies were detained based solely on battlefield analysis, and were freed by kinetic means, prisoner exchanges, parole, or the end of hostilities. Post-Sept. 11, enemies are detained on military analysis and confirmed by court order and potentially freed by court order, which obviously throws legal offices into the heart of the battle.

Through Congress and the Supreme Court, a Combatant Status Review Tribunal process has been created to review the status of these individuals upon arrival at GTMO. Their status is then reviewed on an annual basis through the Annual Review Board process. Hundreds of detainees have been released through this process when they have been determined either to not be an enemy combatant or while still an unlawful enemy combatant have been approved for transfer to either their home country, or a another country, for further detention or even eventual release after rehabilitation.

Congress passed the Military Commissions Act in 2006 which provides unprecedented rights to detainees, including appellate rights through federal courts to the US Supreme Court. These military commissions are now in full swing in GTMO.

GTMO was created for two main reasons: to keep the terrorists from returning to the

battlefield and to gather much needed intelligence on transnational terrorists. GTMO has done a magnificent job of doing both. With the 700 or so terrorists that have been in detention (over 500 of them have been released and returned to either their home country or another country willing to accept them), not one detainee has been tortured while on GTMO.

I know this because it is the GTMO SJA's job to investigate all allegations of abuse.

As a part of my job, I watched over 100 interrogations of detainees. I was struck by the friendly tone the majority of these interrogations took. Most of these interrogations were conducted over food (I saw a lot of Filet O' Fish sandwiches) given to the detainees. Many of the detainees enjoyed going to the interrogations, besides being able to eat junk food, because it was the only time they could smoke.

I also had the job of reviewing all the annual intelligence assessments completed on each detainee. In these, I learned the detainees were not very nice men. They were in GTMO for a reason, and that reason is because they wanted to fight against anyone who would stand in their way of imposing their religious and extremist views on the world. These men are extremely dedicated to their cause.

Every day, the detainees hatch plots to escape, kill a guard or try to kill themselves. They are in still in the business of martyring themselves for their cause.

GTMO is providing a valuable service to our nation. I have not heard anybody come up with a better idea than GTMO. GTMO is providing valuable intelligence which is still being used in Iraq and Afghanistan to defeat the enemy.

I am extremely proud to have served at GTMO. The mission is being accomplished by all services at a highly professional manner.

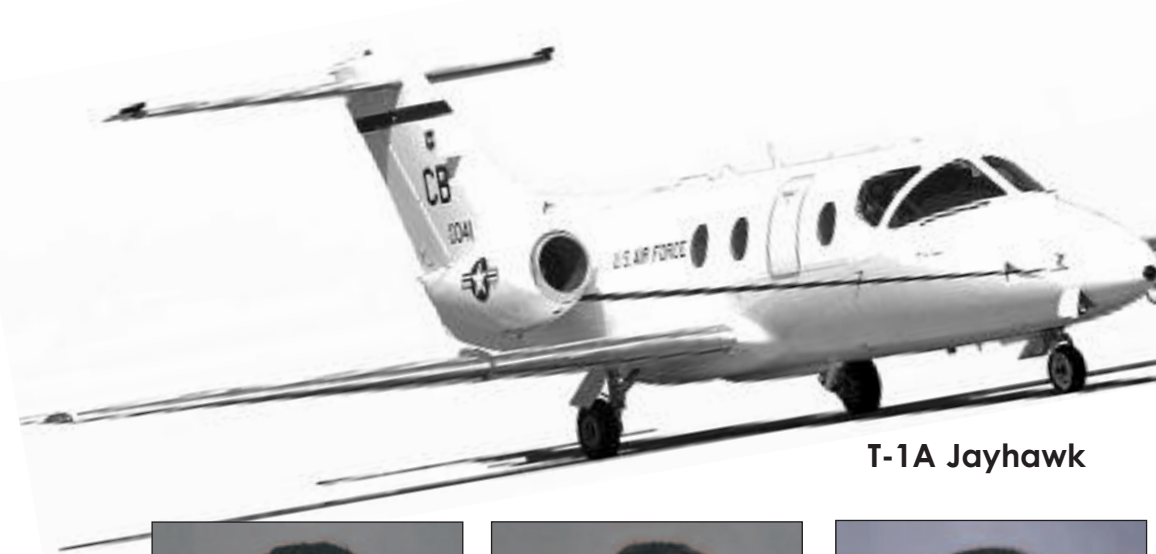
## Visitation at Camp Bucca



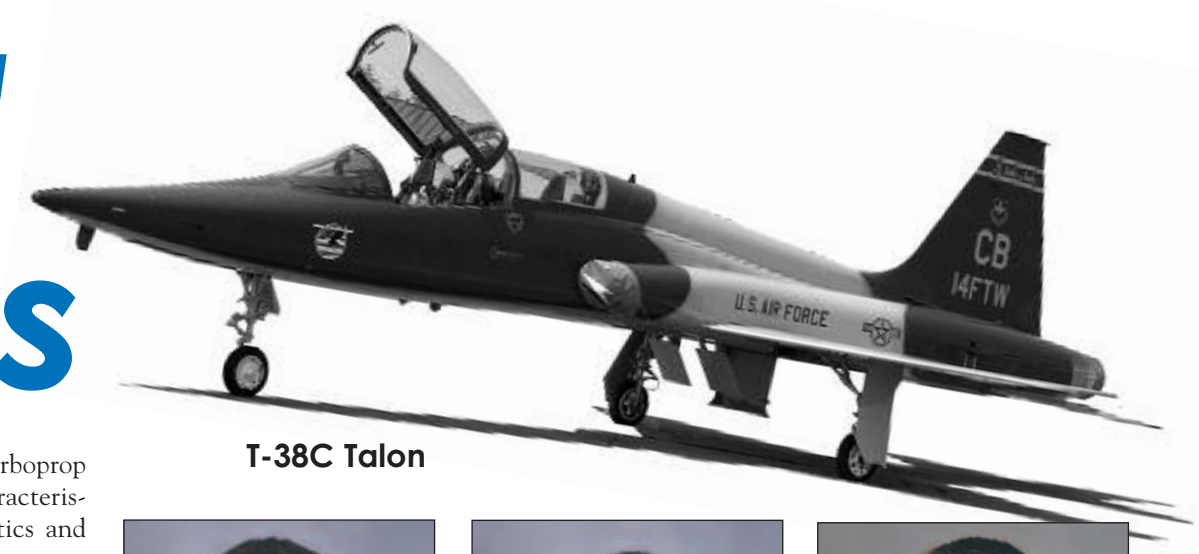
U.S. Air Force photo by Tech. Sgt. Raheem Moore

**A security forces member from the 586th Air Expeditionary Group plays with Iraqi children at Camp Bucca, Iraq, while they wait for transport to the detainee visitation center recently. The 586th AEG provides security and transport to the center for nearly 400 visitors who are allowed to visit daily with detainees being held at the theater internment facility.**





T-1A Jayhawk



T-38C Talon

# SUPT Class 09-01 earns silver wings



**Capt. Cory Berg**  
Clark, S.D.  
C-17, McCord AFB, Wash.



**Capt. Eric Florschuetz**  
Rochelle, Ill.  
C-17, Charleston AFB, S.C.



**Capt. Jay Labrum**  
Boise, Idaho (ANG)  
A-10, Gowen Field, Idaho



**2nd Lt. David Clark**  
St. Clair Shores, Mich.  
KC-135, McConnell AFB, Kan.



**2nd Lt. Alan Goncalves**  
Littleton, Colo.  
T-6, Columbus AFB, Miss.

Eighteen officers have prevailed during a year of training, earning the right to be an Air Force pilot.

Specialized Undergraduate Pilot Training Class 09-01 graduates at 10 a.m. today during a ceremony at the Kaye Auditorium.

The graduation speaker is Maj. Gen. David Eichhorn, Commander, Air Force Flight Test Center, Edwards AFB, Calif. His area of responsibility includes the development, test, and evaluation of manned and unmanned aircraft systems in both experimental and proven aerospace vehicles. He supports the conduct of test and evaluation programs for the Department of Defense, the Defense Advanced Research Project Agency, the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, and the U.S. Air Force, Army, Navy and Marine Corps.

Students receive their silver pilot's wings at the ceremony, and students who excelled in their respective training tracks are recognized.

First Lt. David Dubel, T-38, and 2nd Lt. Robyn Meinhard, T-1, received the Air Education and Training Command Commander's Trophy for being the most outstanding students overall in their classes.

The Air Force Association Award was presented to 1st Lt. Dubel and 2nd Lt. Kevin Vandagriff, T-1. The award is presented to a graduate in each flight who excelled in training and typified the tenets of the association — promoting aerospace power and a strong national defense.

First Lt. Dubel and 2nd Lt. Meinhard were named distinguished graduates.

The 52-week pilot training program begins with a six-week preflight phase of academics and physiological training to prepare students for flight.

The second phase, primary training, is conducted in the twin-engine, sub-

sonic T-37 Tweet. Some complete this phase in the single-engine, turboprop T-6A Texan 2 at Moody AFB, Ga. Students learn aircraft flight characteristics, emergency procedures, takeoff and landing procedures, aerobatics and formation flying. Students also practice night, instrument and cross country navigation flying.

Primary training takes about 23 weeks and includes 254.4 hours of ground training, 27.3 hours in the flight simulator and 89 flying hours.

After primary training, students select, by order of merit, advanced training in the fighter-bomber or airlift-tanker track.

Both tracks are designed to best train pilots for successful transition to their follow-on aircraft and mission.

Advanced training for the fighter track is done in the T-38 Talon, a tandem-seat, twin-engine supersonic jet. T-38 training emphasizes formation, advanced aerobatics and navigation. Training takes about 26 weeks and includes 381 hours of ground events, 31.6 hours in the flight simulator and 118.7 flying hours.

The airlift-tanker track uses the T-1A Jayhawk, the military version of a multi-place business jet.

Instruction centers on crew coordination and management, instrument training, cross-country flying and simulated refueling and airdrop missions. Training takes about 26 weeks and includes 185 hours of ground training, 43 hours in the flight simulator and 104 flying hours.

The class reunites on graduation day, when students receive the aeronautical rating of pilot and begin their careers as U.S. Air Force pilots. *(Editor's note: The class's pilot partners are JoAnn Ferguson, GNC of Leigh Mall, and Glenn Lautzenhiser, Ceko Building Systems, Inc.)*



**2nd Lt. Anthony Lehtio**  
Winston - Salem, N.C.  
C-5, Travis AFB, Calif.



**2nd Lt. Robyn Meinhard**  
Livermore, Calif.  
T-1, Columbus AFB, Miss.



**2nd Lt. Benjamin Middlebrooks**  
Alexandria, Va.  
KC-10, McGuire AFB, N.J.



**2nd Lt. Riley Rees**  
Murfreesboro, Tenn (AFRC)  
C-17, Travis AFB, Calif.



**2nd Lt. Chase Sasser**  
Lawrenceville, Ga.  
NSA, Cannon AFB, N.M.



**2nd Lt. Mark Tisius**  
Houston, Texas (ANG)  
F-16, Tulsa ANG, Okla.



**2nd Lt. Brandon Toms**  
Collierville, Tenn.  
C-17, Jackson ANG, Miss.



**2nd Lt. Kevin Vandagriff**  
Cordova, Tenn.  
C-17, Hickam AFB, Hawaii



**1st Lt. Brad Delloiacono**  
Weymouth, Mass.  
UAS, Creech AFB, Nev.



**1st Lt. David Dubel**  
San Diego, Calif.  
F-16, Luke AFB, Ariz.



**1st Lt. Jason Ruiz**  
Charleston, S.C.  
UAS, TBD



**2nd Lt. David Gribbin**  
Delanson, N.Y.  
KC-135, McConnell AFB, Kan.



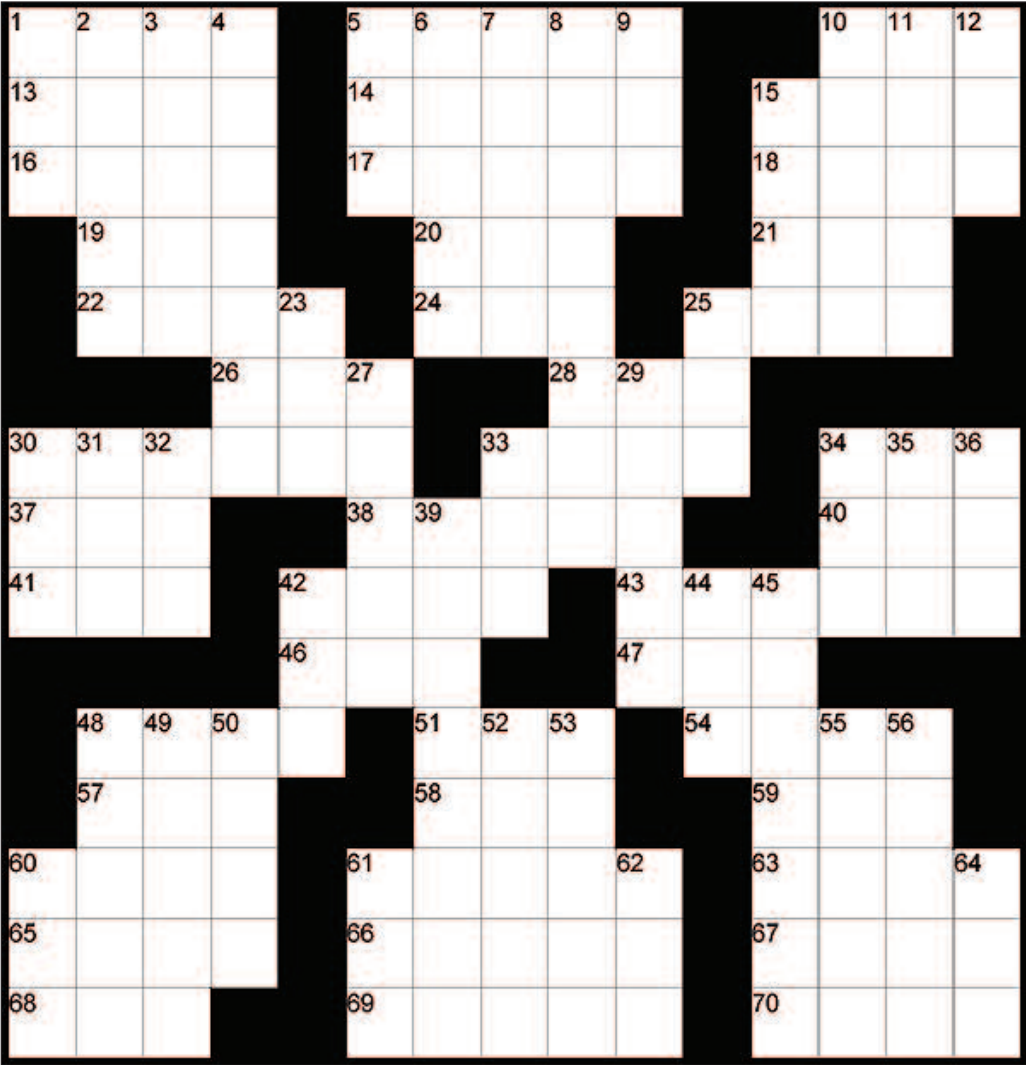
**2nd Lt. John Jackson**  
Cordova, Tenn.  
E-3, Tinker AFB, Okla.











**Hafa Adai  
Guahan**  
**Capt. Tony Wickman**  
USAFE Public Affairs

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18. Harbor home to USN base on Guam  
19. Flightless birds of New Zealand  
20. Fed. intel document related to national security issues  
21. Ply  
22. Foot covering  
24. Surgeon  
25. Winter toy  
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6. Mocking  
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27. Mexico, Argentina and Chile currencies  
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30. Shade provider  
31. Neither's partner  
32. Snip  
33. Dead or Red  
34. Aloha gift  
35. Circle part  
36. Sheep sound  
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45. Brig. Gen. Philip M. \_\_\_; current 36 WG/CC at Guam base  
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49. \_\_\_ Field; original name for Guam base  
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52. Slushy rain  
53. Intended  
55. Scent  
56. Long Island town  
60. Federal org. responsible for counternarcotics  
61. Bean  
62. Chinese Communist leader Zedong  
64. Actors O'Neill and Harris



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**RANKS**  
To solve, place an enlisted rank into each box so that each row across, each column down, and each small 9-box square within the larger diagram will contain every enlisted rank. In other words, no rank E1 – E9 may appear more than once in any row, column, or smaller 9-box square. Working with the ranks already given as a guide, complete each diagram with the missing ranks that will lead to the correct solution.

<u>Mon</u>	<u>Tue</u>	<u>Wed</u>	<u>Thur</u>	<u>Fri</u>	<u>Sat/Sun</u>
27	28	29	30	31	1/2
		Civilian Health Fair 8-11 a.m. @ AFRC  BLAZE Lunch Bunch 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. @ Club	Vendor Fair 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. @ Trotter Convention Center  09-02 Assignment Night 5 p.m. @ Club	MX Appreciation Picnic 12-2 p.m. @ Hangar #3  Enlisted Promotions 3:30 p.m. @ Club	OG Career Day  Civilian Fly-In  Daylight Savings Time Ends 2 a.m.
3	4	5	6	7	8/9
Tops In Blue 7 p.m. @ Trotter Convention Center	Election Day	BLAZE Lunch Bunch 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. @ Club		Blood Drive	Veteran's Day Parade 10 a.m. @ Downtown Columbus

**Long Term Events**

- Nov. 11 - Veteran's Day Holiday  
Nov. 12 - 09-10 Track Select  
Nov. 12 - MSG Complex Ribbon Cutting  
Nov. 12 - Happy Fund Golf Tournament  
Nov. 14 - 09-02 SUPT Graduation

- Nov. 17-21 - Night Flying Week  
Nov. 20 - Dormsgiving  
Nov. 21 - 09-03 Assignment Night  
Nov. 25 - Enlisted Promotions  
Nov. 27 - Thanksgiving  
Nov. 28 - AETC Family Day



## Base News

### Military Spouse Tuition Discount

Columbus AFB military spouses who enroll in Saint Leo University for the 2008-2009 academic year will receive a third course free when signing up for two courses! Contact Dew White at 434-8844 or visit her in the Personnel Bldg., Room 120 for more information.

### ACT Testing

ACT testing will be conducted Nov. 19 in the Education Office at 7:30 a.m. Military personnel only can sign up by calling 434-2562.

### Homeschoolers

The School Liaison Office would like to "team" with the Columbus AFB homeschooling community. If you would like to be included in the dialogue and assist with making the homeschooling experience the absolute best it can be, please contact the School Liaison Office at 434-2792 or via email at slo@columbus.af.mil.

### Costume Party

There will be a costume party Halloween night, Oct. 31, at the Columbus Club starting at 8 p.m. The cost is \$3 in advance or \$5 at the door. There will be costume contests for best group, best couple and best individual. All ranks and civilian are invited but attendees must be at least 18 years of age. Costumes are encouraged but not required. For more information, contact your AAHC representative or Ty at 434-2337.

### Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University Visit

Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University will have representatives in Phillips Auditorium, Bldg. 236, Nov. 20 from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. to provide information about their distance learning Bachelor's degrees in Professional Aeronautics and Technical Management and Master's degrees in Aeronautical Science and Management. You are welcome to bring copies of your transcripts for an unofficial transfer credit evaluation. For more information, please call (228) 432- 5312 of the Education Office at 434-2562.

### Saint Leo University CAFB Adjunct Faculty Openings

Saint Leo University is seeking adjunct faculty in Business, Criminal Justice, and Psychology to teach undergraduate classes on Columbus AFB. Complete information is available at [www.saintleo.edu/jobs](http://www.saintleo.edu/jobs). Please call Dew White, Center Director at 434-8844 for more information.

### Supply Customer

If you are looking for that special piece

of equipment or furniture for your office, your point of contact is the Inspection Section of Base Supply. Inspection maintains the Last Look Area, which has used equipment and furniture turned in from other organizations that no longer have a need for the items. All items in the Last Look Area are available without charge to your organization. For more information, you can contact the Inspection Section at 434-7233 or 434-7234.

### Hallelujah Party

Oct. 29, the Columbus AFB Chapel Pioneer Clubs program will be hosting a Hallelujah Party from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Carnival type games will be set up with the Biblical theme "A Walk through the Bible". Prizes and snacks will be provided. Costumes are encouraged. No scary costumes please. For more information, please call 434-2500.

### Attention All Deployers

The 14th Communications Squadron has a new system which allows you to place "free" telephone calls back home from your deployed location via DSN. You can call every day or once a week; whichever you prefer (allotted time is 3.5 hours a week). Pin numbers are required and can be picked up along with instructions from the Telephone Systems office located in Building 900, Room 9. Please call 434-2020 for additional information.

### DRMO

Authorized personnel may retrieve property that is marked for DRMO Facilities only if they are still physically located in Base Supply. For more information, call 434-7233 to review the property or call Stock Control Section at 434-7179 or 434-7198. To check for authorization and Demand Processing Section, call 434-7178 to order the property. All other DRMO processing is done via the Web at [www.drms.dla.mil](http://www.drms.dla.mil).

### Zero Overpricing Program-Incentive Awards

Overpricing is an issue everyone should be working. All personnel are encouraged to participate, and will be rewarded for any tangible savings resulting from their price challenge. Monetary awards will be given in accordance with AFI 38-401, The Air Force Innovative Development Employee Awareness Program. Advice and guidance are available by calling the Customer Service element of Base Supply, located in Building 158, at 434-7178.

### Gas Mask Fit Test

Gas Mask Fit Testing will now be by appointment only. Appointments will be taken Wednesdays and Fridays from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Exceptions to appointment times will be made for deployers only. For more information, call Bioenvironmental Engineering at 434-2286 or 434-2226.

## Airman and Family Readiness Center

(Editor's note: All activities are offered at the Airman & Family Readiness Center unless otherwise specified. For more information about any of the activities listed, call 434-2790 or email [afrc@columbus.af.mil](mailto:afrc@columbus.af.mil).)

### Pre-Deployment Brief

There is a mandatory briefing for active duty personnel who are deploying or going on a remote tour. The brief is held every work day at 9 a.m. Spouses are welcome to attend.

### Post-Deployment Brief

This mandatory briefing is for active duty personnel who are returning from deployment or a remote tour are held daily at 1:30 p.m. at the A&FRC. For more information, call 434-2790.

### Preseparation Counseling

This mandatory briefing for personnel separating or retiring to be completed at least 90 days prior to separation is held daily at 8:30 a.m. May complete up to 12 months prior to separation or retirement. This briefing takes approximately 30 minutes. For more information, call 434-2839 or 434-2790.

### Medical Coding Workshop

This workshop will be held Oct. 27 through Dec. 15 at Airman and Family Readiness Center. The workshop meets Mondays for eight weeks. Text book must be purchased by participants. Register by Oct. 22. Please call 434-2790 for more information.

### Sponsorship Training

This training for Unit Intro Monitors and Sponsors will be held Oct. 28 at 9 a.m. at the Airman and Family Readiness Center. There is also web-based training

offered through Air Force Portal under Columbus AFB and through the Public Folder. Please call 434-2790 for more information.

### Telephone Directories

Local AT&T "The Real Yellow Pages"® are available at the Airman and Family Readiness Center. Stop by and pick up your free copy.

### Budgeting Basics

This event is held every Wednesday from 11 a.m. to noon at Airman & Family Readiness Center. Learn practical ways to tell your money where to go rather than wonder where it went. For more information, call 434-2790.

## Chapel Schedule

### Protestant

Sunday: 9 a.m. — Adult Sunday School  
10:45 a.m. — Traditional  
Worship Service (Children's Church)

*All are invited to a fellowship luncheon following the 10:45 a.m. service the fourth Sunday of each month*

### Mt. Vernon Church

*The Columbus AFB Mt. Vernon contemporary service is held every Sunday at 7 p.m. in the Base Chapel.*

### Catholic










Thursday  
5 p.m. — Choir Practice

Sunday:

3:45 p.m. — Choir Practice  
4:30 p.m. — Confession  
5:00 p.m. — Mass

## SOLUTION FOR LAST WEEK

(Current weeks puzzle on page 12)

KC-135	KC-10	HH-60	C-5	C-130	C-21	CV-22		MH-53
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# Tops in Blue performs, auditions local talent

**Pam Wickham**

14th Force Support Squadron

The Tops in Blue 2008 team will perform Nov. 3 at 7 p.m. at the Mississippi University for Women's Rent-Whitfield Auditorium. This show is free and the doors will open at 6:30 p.m. and is open to the public. Bus transportation to and from the show will be provided on a first-come, first-serve basis. Buses will pick up from each of the housing area bus stops at 5:15 p.m. and from the Services Complex and Columbus Club parking lots at 5:30 p.m.

This year's showcase is sponsored in part by national sponsors AT&T, Coca-Cola, and Ashford University. Local sponsors are Cable One, Mississippi University for Women, the Commercial Dispatch and The Little Doey of Columbus.

Air Force active duty, reserve and Air National Guard members may meet personally with a Tops in Blue member from 2 to 4 p.m. on the day of the show to discuss the talent program and Tops In Blue. The Tops in Blue "talent lady", Senior Airman April Vollm will also help produce

an audition video to accompany talent applications for the 2009 Air Force Talent Search competition to be held at Lackland AFB, Texas, Jan. 11 to 19, 2009.

In addition to the normal performing talent acts like vocalists, dancers, comedians and instrumentalists; technicians of all types and drivers are also encouraged to apply.

Just go to the show and ask for the "talent lady". Each eligible individual who submits an application and a video (when required) will receive a "Mission Audition" t-shirt and backstage pass for a special tour backstage after the show.

The 2008 tour, entitled "Deja Blue," is a celebration of 55 years of Tops in blue. Featured will be revivals of favorite acts from past tours, along with brand new production numbers created especially for the 2008 tour. This year's tour will take Tops in Blue throughout the United States and to more than 25 countries, with close to 150 performances over a 10-month period.

Each year, Air Force personnel stationed worldwide compete in a multilevel competition for the right to be selected as a member of this elite organization. The TOPS

IN BLUE team is an all-active duty U.S. Air Force special unit made up of talented performers selected for their entertainment abilities.

Each team begins their tour with an intense 60-day training period at the "Home of Tops in Blue," Lackland AFB, Texas. This training consists of a highly accelerated educational process to prepare them to succeed as world class entertainers and distinguished Air Force ambassadors during the 10-month tour. The performers must master the instrumental, vocal, choreography and staging requirements of the show. In addition, they also must become highly accomplished in the intricate technical skills needed to support the tour. They are, in essence, their own "road crew."

Under the guidance of five technical personnel, the performing team is responsible for setting up over 50,000 pounds of staging, lighting, audio, video and special effects equipment required for each performance.

For more information on how to apply for the Worldwide Talent Search, log on to topsinblue.com or call (210) 652-6566.

## Upcoming events highlight the fall season for families

### Football Sundays

The Columbus Club opens their doors for the professional football games Sundays starting at noon. Wings are 50 cents and beverage specials are available. The bar menu will also be available. Watch the big games on the big screens available. For more info, call 434-2490.

### Christmas Party Reservations

The Columbus Club has openings for Christmas parties Dec. 4 and Dec. 14 to Dec. 18. Call 434-2490 for reservations. The Services Complex is available Dec. 5 to 6, Dec. 12, and Dec. 19 to 20. Call the Youth Center at 434-2504 for reservations.

### Youth Center Fall Festival

The Youth Center hosts their annual fall festival from 5 to 7 p.m. Thursday with a costume contest for ages 1 to 12, carnival games for all ages, jumping castle and food. Cost is \$1 for ages 1 to 5 and for registered Youth Center members and \$2 for nonmembers. Parents are free. Volunteers are always welcome to help with the event. For more information, call 434-2504.

### New Orleans Saints Tickets

The Information, Ticket and Travel office has a limited number of tickets to the New Orleans home games. Tickets are \$45 each and are sold on first come, first served basis.

Dates available are:

Nov. 24 against Green Bay

Dec. 28 against Carolina.

An overnight trip for the Dec. 7 game

against Atlanta includes transportation, lodging and ticket to the game for \$165 per person. For more information, call 434-7861.

### Pumpkin Carving Contest

Families and/or individuals and squadrons may register one entry in one of the two groups of competition in the base library's annual pumpkin carving contest. Entries are due by 1 p.m. Thursday and judging will be at 2 p.m. Pick up a free pumpkin Tuesday or Wednesday or supply your own. Prizes will be awarded to the top three in each category. For more information, call 434-2934.

### Gatlinburg Ski Trip

The Information, Ticket and Travel office offers this trip Jan. 17 to 19 but reservations must be made by Dec. 17. Cost is \$235 per person and includes transportation, two meals, chalet lodging for two nights, lift tickets and rentals or \$195 per person without rentals or \$150 per person for non-skiers. Skiing is Jan. 17th from 3 to 10 p.m. and the Jan. 18 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. A \$50 non-refundable deposit is required when registering. Full payment is required no later than Jan. 10. The max number of people for this trip is 14 people. For more information, call 434-7861.

### Halloween Teen Dance, Costume Contest

The Youth Center offers this program from 8 p.m. to midnight Oct. 31. Cost is \$1 for Youth Center members and \$3 for

nonmembers. Refreshments will be provided. For more information, call 434-2504.

### Monster March

The Fitness Center and Outdoor Recreation are offering this fun march starting at 10 a.m. Nov. 1 at Freedom Park. Register from 9 to 10 a.m. that day. Complete fun tasks and march to your new obstacles at outdoor recreation, the golf course, bowling center and Fitness Center and ends at Freedom Park with burgers, hot dogs and chips after the march. Costumes are encouraged but not required. Complete tasks such as sliding down the giant slide, a tire obstacle, slam the giraffe, putt-putt golf, bowling and basketball. For more information, call 434-7861.

### Texas Hold'em Tournament

The Columbus Club is offering a Texas Hold'em tournament Nov. 8. Register by Nov. 6 by calling 434-2490 or by e-mail to nicole.droney@columbus.af.mil. Open to members, nonmembers and their bona fide guests. Social hour begins at 6 p.m. and the games begin at 6:30 p.m. Cost is \$5 for club members and \$10 for nonmembers and includes heavy hors d'oeuvres. Late sign-ups will be placed on a waiting list.

### Kids Crafts To Go

The Arts and Crafts Center offers a kid's craft pack ready for your child's crafting fun at home. You provide home materials such as glue, markers and scissors and

we provide everything else. November and December craft packages are \$3 each and include tree of thanks, reindeer bucket, Santa stop here door hanger, stocking door hanger, mom's Christmas gift and dad's Christmas gift. For more information, call 434-7836.

## Blaze Lunch Bunch

### at the Columbus Club

#### Every Wednesday During Lunch

All plates come with one meat, two sides, roll or cornbread, tea or water

\$6.25 for club members

\$7.25 for nonmembers

#### ***This week's menu:***

##### **Meat choices:**

Fried Chicken, Chicken Alfredo or Sliced Ham

##### **Sides:**

Macaroni & Cheese,  
Mashed Potatoes & Gravy,  
Turnip Greens, Field Peas or  
Side Salad with Ranch Dressing

##### **Lunch Bunch Special - \$6.95**

Fresh Pita pocket stuffed with tomatoes, cheese and juicy marinated shredded chicken served with potato salad

##### **Desserts:**

\$2.95 each

Turtle Cheesecake  
Fresh Baked Oatmeal Raisin Cookies  
Brownie Ala Mode



**Country Pumpkins:** The Country Pumpkin patch on Spurill Road will be having pony/horse rides Oct. 25 starting at 1 p.m. to benefit R.I.D.E.S. and the local therapeutic riding stables. Donations can be made to the organizations during the event.

**Art and Designer Holiday Showcase:** The first Columbus Arts Council Art and Designer Holiday Showcase will be held at the Rosenzweig Arts Center in downtown Columbus Nov. 1 and 2. There will be a high tea and champagne show Nov. 1. There will be door prizes every hour from 4 p.m. to 9 p.m. Nov. 1 and from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. Nov. 2. Tickets are available at the Rosenzweig Arts Center or by calling 328-ARTS.

**Columbus Veteran's Day Parade:** The Columbus Veteran's Day Parade will be held Nov. 8 at 11 a.m. The parade will begin at the Police Complex on Main St. in downtown Columbus and will end at the Lowndes County Court House for the Laying of the Wreath. Come out and salute your veterans and remember their fallen comrades.

For more information about local area events, e-mail [AFRC@columbus.af.mil](mailto:AFRC@columbus.af.mil) or call the Airman and Family Readiness Center at 434-2790.

## CAFB participates in GTR crash simulation



Columbus AFB participated in a joint Major Accident Response Exercise with Golden Triangle Airport and emergency management and hospitals from all three counties of the Golden Triangle Tuesday. CAFB fire department set up a simulated crash scene of a military aircraft at Golden Triangle Regional Airport.

U.S. Air Force Photo

# Football: Falcons win thriller in desert 29-28

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**LAS VEGAS** — The U.S. Air Force Academy football team won a nailbiter against the University of Nevada, Las Vegas in a 29-28 back and forth game Oct. 18 in Las Vegas.

The Falcons put the ball in the air only seven times while rushing 68 times; however, freshman quarterback Tim Jefferson connected on six of those seven passes for 162 yards and two touchdowns.

Fullback Todd Newell got the Falcons on the scoreboard first with a 52-yard touchdown rumble midway through the first quarter.

The Falcons extended their lead to 14-0 on a 28-yard touchdown pass to Josh Cousins early in the second quarter. UNLV finally got on the board with a touchdown with 8:14 left in the first half. Ryan Harrison hit a 26-yard field goal to push the Air Force lead to 10 with only 1:36 left in the first half. But the Rebels struck back with a touchdown pass with 14 seconds left in the first half to cut the Air Force's halftime lead to three.

The Falcons got on the board again midway through the third period. The drive was highlighted by a spectacular 59-yard catch and run by tight end Travis Dekker in which

he hurdled a UNLV defensive back en route to the Rebel 4-yard line. However, the Falcons couldn't push the ball in and settled for another Harrison field goal to extend their lead to 20-14.

UNLV answered right back taking their first lead of the game on an 11-play, 80-yard drive. Following a failed fourth down run by Falcon freshman running back Asher Clark, the Rebels extended their lead to 28-20 on a 45-yard touchdown run.

Reggie Rembert took the ensuing kickoff 41 yards to the Falcon 45-yard line, setting the stage for the late game rally. Three plays later Jefferson hit Kyle Halderman on a 44-yard strike up the middle to cut the score to 28-26. The Falcons' two-point conversion came up short as Halderman was stopped on a sweep.

UNLV stalled on their next drive. However, they pinned the Falcons on their own 8-yard line with 9:39 left in the game. Jefferson calmly led Air Force 91 yards, eating up more than seven minutes of the clock. Harrison came on with 2:29 left in the game to kick the game-winning field goal.

However, it took one last defensive stand by the Falcon defense to ensure the Air Force victory. The Rebels marched into Air Force territory before the Falcons defense stiffened and made a final fourth down stop with just over a minute left in the game when linebacker Justin Moore and safety



U.S. Air Force photo by John Van Winkle

**U.S. Air Force Academy cornerback Reggie Rembert works to disrupt the passing of University of Nevada, Las Vegas quarterback Omar Clayton during a corner blitz Oct. 18 in Las Vegas. The Falcons won 29-28 and improved to 5-2 on the season and 3-1 in the Mountain West Conference.**

Chris Thomas combined to knock the ball loose from a Rebel receiver.

"It was a great, great football game," said Falcon head coach Troy Calhoun. "I mean, a very well played football game on a terrific night."

With the win, the Falcons advance to 5-2 on the year and 3-1 in Mountain West Conference play.

The Falcons are back in action Oct. 23 in a night game at Falcon Stadium against the New Mexico Lobos.

## Water polo: No. 19 Air Force Defeats Iona, 15-8

**U.S. AIR FORCE ACADEMY, Colo.** — In its first home game of the season, the 19th-ranked Air Force water polo team surged to a 15-8 victory over Iona Oct. 18 at Cadet Natatorium. With the win, the Falcons improve to 11-8 overall on the season, while the Gaels fall to 11-15.

Air Force's offense struck first, as sophomore Matt Versage scored one minute into the game to put the Falcons up on top. However, the teams traded goals over the next 64 seconds, with Iona's Ed Gronkowski tying the game at 2-2 with 5:56 left in the opening period. Air Force sophomore Bobby Geiger broke the stalemate at the 3:39 mark in the first quarter, and the Falcons never looked back, leading by as many as five goals in

the first half.

With an 8-4 advantage after two periods, Air Force pulled away in the third period, outscoring Iona, 5-1. The Falcons then grabbed their largest advantage of the game early in the fourth quarter, as freshman Taque Patino scored his first career goal to put Air Force up 14-5. The Gaels scored three of the next four goals in the game, but it was not enough to overcome their early deficit, as the Falcons held on for the 15-8 victory.

Nine different Falcons scored in the contest, led by Geiger with four goals, while Jack Hines, Versage and Joey Brewer added two goals each.

For the Gaels, Nick Velasquez and Trevor Creighton each tallied three scores to lead the Iona offense.

## Sports Shorts

**Thursday Golf Scrambles:** Golf scrambles start every Thursday at 4:45 p.m. Cost is \$5 plus greens fees. Open to all levels of golfers. For more information, call 434-7932.

**Fitness Classes:** The Fitness Center offers fitness classes. Spin classes are Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays beginning at 7 a.m. Cardio kick boxing classes are Mondays and Wednesdays at 5 p.m. and aerobics is offered Saturdays at

9 a.m. For more information, call the Fitness Center at 434-2772.

**Summer Lunch, Bowl Special:** Receive two free games of bowling from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. with the purchase of a combo meal during lunch.

**Cosmic Bowling:** Cosmic bowling is every Friday and Saturday from 7 p.m. to 11 p.m. Cost is \$2 per game. The night is complete with black lights, loud music, strobe lights and bowling!

## Intramural Flag Football Scores

### Oct. 14

CES 19 - 48 Team 2 8

50th 22 - SFS 8

41st 8 - OSS 6

### Oct. 15

41st 28 - CS 14

OSS 19 - SFS 0

MED 26 - 48th Team 1 7

### Oct. 16

CON 21 - MED 0 48th Team 2 32 - 48th Team 1 7 CES 20 - 49th/50th 0



**Don't wait for New Year's to  
resolve getting healthy.**

